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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

TO : EA - MR. HOLBROOKE

FROM: EA/PHL - BENJAMIN A. FLECK

1. TOUSSAINT BRIEFINGS CONTINUE (UNCLASSIFIED)

THE UNEXPECTED DELAY IN DON TOUSSAINT'S DEPARTURE FOR
MANILA HAS ENABLED HIM TO DOUBLE THE EXTENT OF HIS PRE-
DEPARTURE BRIEFINGS. EA/PHL CONTINUES TO PROVIDE BACK-UP
SUPPORT.

2. TOUSSAINT MEETING WITH HUMAN RIGHTS REPRESENTATIVES (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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AT DON'S REQUEST, HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS (HA) ARRANGED FOR
HIM TO MEET ON MARCH 9 REPRESENTATIVES OF HUMAN RIGHTS
ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVELY CONCERNED WITH THE PHILIPPINE
SITUATION: ED DOHERTY FROM THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL
JUSTICE AND PEACE OF THE U.S. CATHOLIC CONFERENCE; LEON
HOWELL OF WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES; DAVID LOONEY OF THE

FRIENDS OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE (FFP); PAUL WILSON, CHAIRPERSON OF THE CHURCH COALITION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE PHILIPPINES (CCHRP); SEVERINA RIVERA OF THE FFP AND CCHRP; JAMES PALM, DIRECTOR OF THE STONY POINT CENTER IN NY; HERBERT WHITE OF THE UNITED CHURCH BOARD FOR HOMELAND MINISTRIES; AND JESSICA FERNANDEZ WHITE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. LON MORIN AND OLLIE JONES OF HA AND CAROLYN CHRISTIAN OF EA/PHL PARTICIPATED. SUBJECTS DISCUSSED DURING THE COURSE OF THE 90-MINUTE MEETING INCLUDED THE DISAPPEARANCES OF JESSICA SALES, "BOY" MORALES, AND HERMON LAGMAN; REPORTS OF "SALVAGING"; REQUESTS FOR ENDING U.S. MILITARY AID; AND INCREASING GOP PRESSURE ON FILIPINO AND FOREIGN-BASED RELIGIOUS.

3. BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY (UNCLASSIFIED)

FORMER ASTRONAUT EDGAR MITCHELL, ACCOMPANIED BY CHRISTIAN HERTER, JR., VISITED EA/PHL ON MARCH 13 TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR INTRODUCING INTO THE PHILIPPINES COMPUTER-BASED PERSONNEL SYSTEMS DESIGNED TO INCREASE ORGANIZATIONAL CAPABILITY AND PERFORMANCE IN GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY. MITCHELL IS CHAIRMAN OF INFORMATION SCIENCE INCORPORATED, WHICH HAS DEVELOPED SUCH PROGRAMS FOR USE IN THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THEY NOW ARE EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING THEIR OPERATIONS INTO SELECTED LDC'S. AT OUR SUGGESTION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MITCHELL WILL WRITE TO THE ECONOMIC COUNSELOR WITH A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HIS PROPOSAL AND A REQUEST FOR ADVICE. HE IS TENTATIVELY THINKING OF A TRIP TO MANILA IN LATE APRIL OR MAY.

4. PLEASE NOTE FOR EA ONLY CAPTION.

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